

2015 OFFICERS**Barney Paternostro**
Tessa Wiggins*Chairman*
First Vice-Chairman
& Chairman-Elect
2nd Vice-Chairman
3rd Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
*Immediate Past Chair***Paul Wieg**
Meagan Kohls
Loretta Arceneaux
Doug Tymkiw
Rick Fowler**COMMITTEE CHAIRS****Annie Whetsell**
Jahnette deBlanc
Carlos Guzman
Steve Freeman
Sonny Clary
Richard Rusch
Benjamin Gary*Scholarship*
Science Fair
Education
Golf Tournament
Sporting Clays
Newsletter
*Sponsorships***ADVISORY BOARD****Annie Whetsell**
Steve Strain
Jean May-Brett
Benjamin Gary
Ken Meyers
Jeff Holland
Steve Walsh
Nick J Russo
Sonny Clary
Henry Welch
Sean O'Brien**ACTIVE PAST CHAIRS****Bernadette Alaniz**
Jan Catalano
Carlos Guzman
John Dribus
Bob Vaughn
Ben Waring
Steve Freeman
Rick Fowler

Minutes API Board of Directors Meeting December 16, 2015

Call to order – Barney Paternostro:

In Attendance: Barney Paternostro Loretta Arceneaux Jean May-Brett Rick Fowler
 Tessa Wiggins Meagan Kohls Ben Gary Jan Catalano

Minutes – Barney Paternostro

- October Minutes were approved.

Officers/Board for 2016 – Barney Paternostro

- Tessa Wiggins agreed to move up to Chairman; Meagan Kohls would like to stay at 3rd Vice-Chairman; Loretta Arceneaux would like to stay as Secretary; unsure if Paul Wieg would move up to First Vice-Chairman & Chairman-Elect; and unsure if Doug Tymkiw would stay as Treasurer. Confirm Paul and Doug's position and then vote on 2016 officers at January meeting.

Advisory Board – Barney Paternostro

- If you know someone who may have interest in serving on Advisory Board, bring their name up at future meetings.

Calendar 2016 – Barney Paternostro

- Tessa will update 2016 Calendar.
- Golf tournament - Steve Freeman stepping down so we are campaigning for new person for this event.
- Bowling Tournament – this was placed on the back burner until early part of 2016.

Budget

- Briefly went over proposed 2016 budget. Barney to get with Doug and plan for 2016 budget.
- 2016 revenue may be less than 2015; may need to reduce NACE and look at Newsletter costs to get more “bang for your buck” by utilizing internet/email to interact better with API.

Joint Society Meeting – 2nd Vice Chair

- Luncheon fell short by approximately \$1000.
- Lesson learned – have participants' name tags preprinted and ready to hand out to those preregistered.
- Roosevelt has always been great place for this event, but due to rising costs, we may need to consider a different location. It was suggested we take a look at Sheraton Hotel.
- It was also suggested we consider possibly flip flopping Technical Luncheon and Joint Society Luncheon in the hopes that a speaker would be more available in August rather than November.

Teacher of the Year Program

- Jean sent teacher award letters to the district and archdiocesan superintendents, charter and private school principals/contacts. She got immediate response from St. Charles and New Orleans.
- Jean said she will deliver awards if the Board decides to eliminate the award program.
- Jean solicited Board/Advisory Board members get involved in discussion/selection process in Jan-Feb.

Newsletter – Kristee Brown

- Jean to submit pictures and write-up on 1st Robotics Lego League.
- Meagan to submit pictures from Joint Society Luncheon.
- Barney to submit advertisement of Clay Shoot.
- It was suggested tackling challenges of getting out information early and possibly reducing the number of newsletter we send out.

Meritorious Meeting

- Please email any nominee name to Barney/Tessa for January Meeting.
- Barney to send email to organizations soliciting nominations for Meritorious Award.
- Jan nominated Tom Bergren of Century, a big supporter of energy industry; Rick Fowler agreed.

Clay Shoot

- Clay Shoot – Barney to check with Sonny to see if he will continue to chair this event.

Website

- Continue to work with Charlie and Ben to see what is needed to update the website.

Membership

- Meagan Kohls talked about offering a membership package that would include all 3 luncheons. The revenue would be collected upfront for the luncheons and it might be more incentive to attend.
- Rick Fowler reminded us of big push for membership 2 years ago which is coming up for renewal.

Sponsors

- Ben Gary will check to see if current sponsors want to continue and agree on pricing.
- Meagan to send Ben contacts for existing sponsors.
- Barney stated pricing was messed up a little and needed a little tweaking.

Year End Social Event

- Unfortunately this was not going to happen, so Barney thanked everyone for their help.

Upcoming Events

- May 15, 2016 – PIPE Family Fun Eat & Run. Rick Fowler said City Park has the date reserved, NOLA Running is setting up the final package and SPE is handling finances. Rick is hopeful registration will be set in January, vendors lined up in February and then participants. He said this will not be a traditional 5k, but you will run around a track and it will definitely be kid friendly. Ben informed Rick that the SPW committee received monies that they are looking to award. Rick said he as well as LCM people would definitely do a presentation at the January or February SPW meeting.
- Next Board Meeting is January 20, 2016.

Quorum

- A quorum is one-third of members of the Executive Board.
- The Executive board consists of 7 officers and the advisory committee which is 11 members (listed above); therefore, seven of these individuals must be present to constitute a quorum.